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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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For: ELECTRIC DISCHARGE MACHINING APPARATUS USING LINEAR MOTOR DRIVE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer.**

**Please enter the following amended claim:**

4. The electric discharge machining apparatus using linear motor drive according to claim 2, wherein a dust cover is provided around the driving device configured by the linear motor.